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Execution of S.S.D. Search Warrant No. 717 issued by Judge Feng at the request of the Shanghai Public Safety Bureau respecting No. 221 Shantung Road. The Wu Tsau Su Pao Dao Bookstore to search and seize a reactionary publication entitled "The Voice of China."

At about 9.40 A.M., Monday November 30, 1936, D.S. 341 Pitts with Clerk Zung Zung Oen, C.D.S. 81 (Special Branch) and Detective Inspector Tsui Yao Toong (朱校東) S.P.S.B. came to Central Station and requested assistance to search the above described bookstore on the authority of an S.S.D. Court Search Warrant.

Assistance was rendered by D.S.I. Tilton and C.D.S. 287 attached to Central Station which resulted in the bookstore being visited at about 9.45 A.M. above date when the following copies of the publication "The Voice of China" were seized: 19 copies of Oct. 1, 1936; 41 copies of Oct. 12, 1936; 18 copies of Nov. 1, 1936; 26 copies of Nov. 15, 1936 and 53 copies of December 1, 1936. The total number of copies seized were 157.

The proprietor named Beh Wu Chew (徐五昌) was present and handed over to the undersigned a letter dated November 22, 1936 from the publisher of the publication named Max Granich, 749 B'Well Road, Eastern Publishing Company, Shanghai China, stating that the sale of same was in order and confirmed by Dr. Hung Chi, S.P.S.B.

An application for disposal of the seized property will be made before the S.S.D. Court on December 1, 1936.

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Inquiries by D.S.I. Tilton and C.D.S. 287.

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"Eastern Publishing Company" and Max Granich.

The "Eastern Publishing Company", registered at the U.S.A., Consulate General, was established in March, 1936, by Max Granich, U.S.A. citizen, at Room 354, N°741 Bubbling Well Road. On 15 th March, 1936, the company published the first issue of a reactionary and violently anti-Japanese periodical written in the English language with the addition of a Chinese section and known as "The Voice of China". This journal appears twice monthly and is printed by the Mercury Press, 17 Avenue Edward VII, a company which is also registered at the U.S.A. Consulate General.

Max Granich, editor and publisher of the above mentioned periodical, was born on 19th March, 1896, in New York City. He is a graduate of a high-school in California and is reported to have worked as a journalist on the staff of "The Call", a communist newspaper published in New York.

On 31 st January 1936, accompanied by his wife Grace Granich, age 31, born in Oak Harbour Ohio, U.S.A., Granich arrived in Shanghai from San Francisco aboard the s.s. "President Taft". He stated that he was a journalist by profession and that his sojourn in China would be for an indefinite period. He is in possession of U.S.A. Passport N°184280 issued on 30th April, 1935, at Washington, D.C.; his wife holds U.S.A. Passport N°184158 issued on 30th April, 1935, at Washington, D.C. Both passports were visaed at the Chinese Consulate in New York on 30th December, 1935.

Before her marriage Mrs. Granich was known as Grace Neal, a frequent contributor of articles to "The United Front", the official organ of the Communist Party in America. She is also known to have been associated with : Miss Harrison and a Miss Wilkinson.

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both active communists, the former being at one time the secretary to Earl Browder.

On arrival in Shanghai Mr. and Mrs. Granich put up at the Burlington Hotel and on 3rd February, 1936 they removed to Room

" II, Cathay Mansions. Shortly after their removal they made a trip to Peiping where they remained for a week and then returned to Shanghai. On 3rd March the pair left the Cathay Mansions and took up residence at Apartment 22, N°177 Route Paul Henri, which address they still occupy.

On 17th March, two days after the first issue had been published, Granich, promising that the periodical would be neutral in character, made application to the French Police to publish and sell his periodical "The Voice of China" in the French Concession. In reply to his request the French Authorities gave him verbal permission to print one issue, following which they stated that they would consider his application for registration.

In spite of Granich's assurances perusal of "The Voice of China" showed that its policy was anything but neutral. Radical to an extreme and violently anti-Japanese it urged the people of China to unite and revolt against Japanese Imperialism, the tone becoming so reactionary that the Chinese Authorities brought the matter to the notice of the Municipal Council requesting that the publication of the magazine be stopped. Information concerning this request was passed to the U.S.A. Consul-General who at once cancelled the registration of the "Far Eastern Publishing Company". Municipal Police together with members of the Police Bureau conducted several raids in the Settlement and large quantities of "The Voice of China" were seized; publication, however, such to the annoyance of the Chinese authorities continued.

In a further attempt to check Granich's activities the Chinese Authorities placed a ban on the postal transmission of "The Voice of China". Several thousand copies were confiscated by the local branch of the Post Office and Granich made a verbal complaint to the U.S.A. Consulate-General. The latter, however, took no step in the matter and Granich subsequently made a personal appeal to Mr. Chao Lih Ts (邵力子), Chief of the Publicity Department of the Central Government, and after pledging loyalty to the Central Government and promising that nothing communistic should appear in his journal, was promised that the ban on transmission would be lifted.

It is reported that Granich has received considerable assistance and advice from prominent members of the National Salvation Association in the production of his journal. In this respect Sung Chun-Shih (沈鈞儒), Li Kung Poh (李公樸) and Miss Sz Liang (史良) are mentioned. Much space is frequently devoted to articles concerning the Association and contributions on this subject are invited to be sent to Madame Sun Yat Sen.

Efforts to identify the persons responsible for the authorship of the articles appearing in the journal have been unsuccessful; pseudonyms are used, but it is believed that Granich, assisted by his wife, writes most of them himself. His office staff consists of himself, his wife, one Yue Chi Chung (俞志中) alias Yue Woo (俞和) and two Chinese clerks. Yue is a native of Ningpo, age about 25 years, who resides at 232 Alabaster Road.

That Granich's interests as editor of "The Voice of China" are political and not financial seems fairly clear. Bearing in mind his advocacy of the principles of the National

Salvation association and the manner in which the Communist Party used this group to further its own ends, remembering his and his wife's association with the Party in the U.S.A., there seems little doubt that Granich was sent to Shanghai by the Communist Party with the express purpose of publishing a propaganda magazine.

The magazine continues to appear fortnightly and is as vir-  
~~xx~~ ulently anti-Japanese as ever. There has, however, as yet been no official protest from the Japanese Authorities.